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Cattle on Feed

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Iowa: There were 1,360,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on April 1, 2011, down 2 percent from March 1, 2011 and down 1 percent from April 1, 2010. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 650,000 head on feed, unchanged from last month but up 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 710,000 head on feed, down 3 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year.

Placements during March totaled 141,000 head, an increase of 11 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 81,000 head, up 13 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 60,000 head. This is up 9 percent from last month but down 3 percent from last year.

Marketings for March were 158,000 head, up 13 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 78,000 head, down 3 percent from last month and down 7 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 80,000 head, up 33 percent from last month but unchanged from last year. Other disappearance totaled 8,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on April 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above April 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.12 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.10 million head, up 2 percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.92 million, 3 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.87 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 360,000, 700-799 pounds were 588,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 590,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.99 million, 4 percent above 2010. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 52,000 during March, 13 percent below 2010.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2011	650	735	1,385
March Placements	81	60	141
March Marketings	78	80	158
March Other Disappearance	3	5	8
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2011	650	710	1,360

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

[Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.]

State	Cattle on Feed April 1			Placements during March			Marketings during March			March Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Arizona	278	282	101	20	37	185	27	23	85	1	1	100
California	415	450	108	47	48	102	51	55	108	6	3	50
Colorado	930	1,090	117	185	215	116	190	190	100	5	5	100
Idaho	205	220	107	34	35	103	23	34	148	1	1	100
Iowa	600	650	108	77	81	105	84	78	93	3	3	100
Kansas	2,240	2,190	98	440	415	94	410	435	106	10	10	100
Nebraska	2,290	2,380	104	380	390	103	430	430	100	10	10	100
Oklahoma	340	355	104	64	75	117	77	78	101	2	2	100
South Dakota ..	235	265	113	42	46	110	45	44	98	2	2	100
Texas	2,640	2,780	105	490	490	100	485	540	111	15	10	67
Washington	171	211	123	32	33	103	28	28	100	1	2	200
Other States ...	398	404	102	45	53	118	53	53	100	4	3	75
United States ..	10,742	11,277	105	1,856	1,918	103	1,903	1,988	104	60	52	87

¹ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2010-2011

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows & Bulls		
	April 1, 2010	January 1, 2011	April 1, 2011	April 1, 2010	January 1, 2011	April 1, 2011	April 1, 2010	January 1, 2011	April 1, 2011
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Arizona	275	255	263	3	3	19	0	0	0
California	335	405	390	80	65	59	0	0	1
Colorado	630	710	740	295	365	345	5	5	5
Idaho	122	116	120	82	108	94	1	16	6
Iowa	420	440	460	180	199	190	0	1	0
Kansas	1,190	1,220	1,220	1,045	1,055	965	5	5	5
Nebraska	1,410	1,520	1,480	870	895	890	10	15	10
Oklahoma	190	210	210	150	165	145	0	0	0
South Dakota ..	125	129	135	93	107	114	17	24	16
Texas	1,610	1,750	1,690	1,029	1,089	1,090	1	1	0
Washington	101	130	135	69	71	68	1	8	8
Other States ...	273	293	281	124	137	122	1	2	1
United States ..	6,681	7,178	7,124	4,020	4,259	4,101	41	77	52

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